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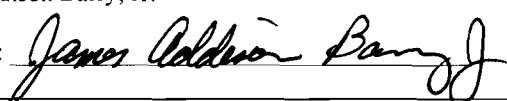
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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action mailed December 28, 2007, Applicant requests amendment of the above-identified application as follows. Applicant requests amendment of claims under 37 CFR 1.116 to place the claims in condition for allowance and that the claims be amended as listed beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 8 of this paper.

This paper is presented on or before the expiration of three (3) months from the mailing date of the referenced Final Office Action and, therefore, no extension of time is due.